

Update: Electronic Information Disclosure Statement (eIDS)

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Key Points

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- Up to 50 US Patents and 50 US Pre-Grant Publications may be cited on each eIDS.
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- Application numbers may be wanded using the Examiner's bar code reader.
- Copy and Paste US Patent and US Pre-Grant Publication numbers from eIDS to EAST and/or WEST to conduct initial searches.
- Paper versions of the cited US Patents and US Pre-Grant Publications do not need to be submitted.
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